

## OMENS GOOD AND BAD.

## The Folly of Believing in Unlucky Days and All the Rest.

When fortune tellers swindle the poor and ignorant we should make them suffer smartly for it. Certainly the ingenuity of a professional fortune teller is in itself educative. The craft with which she throws out veiled hints, the subtlety with which she pounces upon any lucky shot and the diplomacy which she uses to extort confessions are often magnificent.

Observe the rapt, far away look with which she asks you abruptly, "Who is Ethel?" There is a possibility that you know some one of that name, in which case the odds are that you will afford her some clue for intelligent anticipations. If, however, you indignantly deny any such acquaintance she can always fall back upon the very safe statement that the name will be familiar to you later on.

Such procedure reminds us of the famous dodge of Disraeli, who, whenever he met a man whom he did not know, but felt he ought to know, inquired suavely, "How is the old complaint?"

Playing this little comedy one day in Fall Mall, he was met with the disconcerting reply: "Complaint! I never had an ache or a pain in my life." Whereupon he put his head on one side and said, with a sympathetic sigh, "Ah, I meant the wife." The secret of the success of most charlatans is that if they go on making a sufficient number of shots some of them are bound eventually to hit the mark.

We remember the case of a clairvoyant who told a fair client that two good spirits were watching over her and that their names were Juliet and Jane. The visitor stoutly declared that there were no such persons. But when she came home and told her mother of the episode she was reminded, to her amazement, that those were indeed the names of two sisters who had died in infancy.

Fortune telling, we should say, is a harmless pastime so long as it is not taken seriously. But what about educated and most respectable folk who take it very seriously? We are accustomed to pity Dr. Johnson because he could not pass a lamp-post without touching it, but what shall we say of people who forego important enterprises on days which they imagine to be unlucky, who deliberately make themselves the sport of chance or resign their reason to designing adventurers?

We would not fly in the face of ancient beliefs, the origin of which may have been forgotten, nor do we forget that the founders of Thirteen clubs have often perished miserably. But the person who really cares about omens, unlucky days, upsetting sail and all the rest should know that he is a fool.—London Spectator.

## A Chinese Story.

"There was once upon a time a very unfilial son," said a Chinaman. "So disobedient was he that if his father told him to go to the east he would go to the west; if his father told him to go to the west he invariably went to the east. All his life long he had been disobedient. At last the old man, as he lay on his deathbed, greatly feared that his undutiful son would not take the trouble to bury him in a favorable spot. After much cogitation he thought of a plan for insuring what is of such vital importance in Chinese eyes. 'If I die,' he said, 'you must bury me in the water.' The father concluded that, in accordance with his usual line of conduct, the son would do the exact opposite of what he was told. So, after congratulating himself, no doubt, on his success in arranging to get buried in a good place on dry land, the old man died. But, alas, his admirable scheme failed. After the father's death the young man said to himself: 'All my lifetime I have disobeyed my father. Now that he is dead I will obey him this once.' So, in scrupulous obedience to the dying injunction, he buried his father in the water."

## The Saw of the Mosquito.

The bill of the mosquito is a complex institution. It has a blunt fork at the head and is apparently grooved. Working through the groove and projecting from the angle of the fork is a lance of perfect form sharpened with a fine bevel. Beside it the most perfect lance to make a hand saw. On either side the lance two saws are arranged, with the points fine and sharp and the teeth well defined and keen. The backs of these saws play against the lance. When the mosquito lights, with its peculiar hum, it thrusts its keen lance and then enlarges the incision with the two saws, which beside the lance until the forked with its capillary arrangement for sucking the blood can be inserted. The sawing process is what grates the nerves of the victim and causes him to strike wildly at the insect.

## Admirable.

"Admirable" is an Indian word for "good" and was a term of praise given to a defeated Indian by the victor.

## WISDOM OF ANIMALS.

## The Ape of Apuleius—A Dog Actor, Wise Dogs and Elephants.

Apuleius says that in the spring fetes of Isis, the forerunners of the Roman carnival, he saw a monkey with a straw hat and a Phrygian tunic. But monkeys do not seem to have been popular in Rome. The cleverest of all the animal performers were of course the dogs, and one showman had the ingenious idea of making a dog act a part in a comedy. The effects of a drug were tried on him, the plot turning on the suspicion that the drug was poisonous, while, in fact, it was only a narcotic. The dog took the piece of bread dipped in the liquid, swallowed it and began to reel and stagger till he finally fell on the ground.

At the right moment he began to move very slightly as if waking out of a deep sleep. Then he raised his head, looked around, jumped up and ran joyously to the proper person.

The remark that animals do not grow wiser with age is contradicted by the habit of elephants, noticed even in ancient times, of making the young ones cross a ford first. The officer who superintended the embarkation of the elephants sent from India to Abyssinia for use in Lord Napier's campaign tells how one old elephant volunteered to drive all the others on board. His services were invaluable, but when they had all embarked and he was invited to follow them he firmly declined and had to be left on shore.

I myself have noticed the acquired caution of the older dogs of Constantinople, which left untouched the crusts I threw them, while the young ones ate them ravenously. A Greek native told me that this was because Europeans were in the cruel habit of throwing poisoned bread to the street dogs; hence the old ones, having seen the bad effects on their companions, refused to eat bread thrown by Europeans, though they took it readily from any Turkish beggar who shared his scanty fare with them.—Contemporary Review.

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Lv A M	Lv P M	Lv A M		Ar P M	Ar P M	Ar P M
7 45	2 15		Fairfield.....	1 20		6 10
7 55	2 25		Irvine.....	1 07		6 00
8 00	2 45		Dungarvan.....	1 00		5 55
8 05	2 55		Southside.....	12 55		5 50
8 10	3 00		Hickman.....	12 50		5 45
8 15	3 10		Lake Simonton.....	12 45		5 40
8 20	3 20		Micanopy.....	12 30		5 30
8 25	3 40		Tacoma.....	12 20		5 20
8 45	3 45		Kirkwood.....	12 15		5 15
8 50	3 55		Olyatt.....	12 10		5 10
9 03	4 15		Wachoota.....	12 00		4 55
9 15	4 40		Rocky Point.....	11 45		4 40
9 45 Ar	5 00		Gainesville.....	12 30		4 10
11 00 Lv	8 15 Lv	8 30		9 20	10 10 Ar	3 00
11 55	8 40	8 53	Bellamy.....	8 55	9 45	2 30
12 00	8 55	9 08	Cyril.....	8 40	9 30	1 50
12 20	9 08	9 12	Graham.....	8 22	9 22	1 30
12 40	9 15 Ar	9 28	Sampson City.....	8 20	9 10	1 10
	9 50	10 50	Palatka, G. S. & F.....	6 50 p	6 00 a	
	8 45	8 45	Lake City, G. S. & F.....	7 04 p	7 42	
	11 05	11 09 a	Tallahassee, S. A. L.....	1 48 p		
	8 55 a	4 20 p	Valdosta, G. S. & F.....	4 50 p	5 20	
	7 35 a	7 35 p	Macon, G. S. & F.....	11 30 a	12 40 a	
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